Anabolic setriod Drugs

761. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 812 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1989 and state:

(a) the number of anabolic steroid drugs used in the Family Planning Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry treats these drugs to be non-essential;

(c) if so, the names of such anabolic steroids;

(d) whether any of anabolic steroids are being imported in the country;

(e) if so, the names of such drugs, quantity imported of each during last two years, yearwise; and

(f) what were the name of the companies, quantity imported by each, CIF Price of each and source of import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Anabolic steroids are not used in Family Planning Programme.

(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not labled any drug as non essential.

(c) The population anabolic steroids are Nethandiones, Stanazole and Testosterone.

(d) Anabolic steroids are imported.

(e) and (f) The information available with this Ministry for the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 is given in the statement.

Statement

	1986-87		1987-88	
	Quantity in Kgs.	C.I.F. value in Rs.	Quantity in Kgs.	C.I.F value in Rs.
Methandionone	368	32,67,441	358	31,79,267
Stannzole (Powder)	13·1	7,18,550	22	11,41,242
Testosterone	171·2	19,59,242	15	1,34,432

Marketing of Pyrozolone group of drugs

762. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pyrozolones group of drugs are being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that the use of these drugs aggravate the tendency to Haemorrhage and causes agronulocytosis;

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing such drugs to be continued for marketing;

(e) whether it is a fact that his ministry has referred to the committee for immediate recommendations; and

(f) if so, when this was referred and what are their recommendations and by when action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of Pyrazolone group of drugs marketed in the country are Phynylbutazone, Oxyphenbutazone and Analgin.

(c) It may aggravate the tendency to haemorrhage and agranulocy-tosis is reported to be one of the adverse reactions to these drugs.

(d) to (f) The experts consulted had opined that Phenylbutazone/Oxyphenbutazone are drugs of choice in certain musculoskeletal disorders such as ankylosing pondyliti and gouty arthrisis. Based on risk-benefit consideration, Drugs Technical Advisory Board did not recommend withdrawal of Analgin.

Production of blood products in the country

763. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated annual amount of blood products produced in the country and what amount of blood products are being imported annually;

(b) whether some blood products were recently found positive for HIV anti-bodies with the possibility of leading to AIDS from different parts of the country; and

(c) what are the principles/guidelines, if any, laid down by Government for the production of blood products in the country and what is the method to ensure that the blood products are produced strictly according to the guidelines before they are marketed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The annual estimated turnover of blood products produced in the country is about 8 crores and blood products imported during April, 1988 to December, 1988 are valued at Rs. 32.75 lakhs.

(b) Some of the blood products on testing were reported to be positive for HIV anti bodies. Although these products may not be infectious yet as a matter of abundant caution, all products from blood/placenta manufactured till date have been asked to be destroyed. Wide publicity has been given that the persons who might have taken these products during the last 2 years to get their blood tested for HIV anti bodies at the nearest located AIDS surveillance centre.

(c) The guidelines include testing of each bleeding and pooled plasma so that only blood/plasma free from HIV anti-bodies is used for manufacturing blood/plasma products. The manufacturers are required to adopt Cohn-Oncley and/or chromatographic techniques including steps to ensure inactivation or viruses in the blood/placenta preparations. The methods suggested include verucidal techniques in the processing by using suitable detergent or heat method upto 60°C for ten hours.

The manufacturers will be allowed to resume production by the state licensing authorities only after they comply with the guidelines given.

Sale of T.V. Decoders purchased from France

764. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ET&T Ltd., a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics imported about ten thousand T.V. decoders about years back;

(b) if so, the number of these decoders which have been sold so far, stating the market value of the